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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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#### Yale University Jackson School of Global Affairs

2024 Henry Chauncey Jr. '57 Postdoctoral Fellow  
International Security Studies/Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy

### EDUCATION

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#### Princeton University

2024 Ph.D., History  
*Shaping an Interconnected World: Hamburg, Germany, and the Transformation of Interdependence, 1880-1974*  
Committee: Harold James (adviser), Natasha Wheatley, Yair Mintzker, Steven Press (Stanford)

2020 M.A., History  
Examination Fields: German history since 1770 (Harold James & Yair Mintzker), Latin America since 1800 (Jeremy Adelman), Empires and Internationalisms (Natasha Wheatley)

#### Wesleyan University

2018 B.A., History, German Studies & College of Letters, University Honors (first in graduating class)  
Advisers: Erik Grimmer-Solem, Ethan Kleinberg & Iris Bork-Goldfield

#### Universität Hamburg

2016 Visiting Student, History

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Monographs

*In progress* **Shaping an Interconnected World: Hamburg, Germany, and the Transformation of Interdependence**, revising from dissertation manuscript.

#### Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

2025 "An Empire of Merchants? German Shipping, Commercial Interests and Imperial Ambitions from Latin America to Hamburg, 1888-1918," *German History*, forthcoming 2025.

2023 "Hamburg Free Traders and The Business of Empire, 1897-1941," *Central European History* 56, no. 4 (December 2023): 535-552.

*Forthcoming* "German Migration to Brazil in Global Perspective: Trends, Comparisons, New Directions," *História Econômica & História de Empresas*, invited to write the opening article for a Special Issue commemorating the bicentennial of German immigration to Brazil.

*In progress* “Private Internationalism in the Interwar Period: The International Acceptance Bank,” preparing for submission to *Contemporary European History*, winter 2024-25.

“Political and Economic Sovereignty in the Elbe: Hamburg’s Free Port, 1880-1888,” preparing for proposal to *Capitalism: A Journal of History and Economics*, spring 2025.

### Book Reviews

*In progress* Review of *‘Die Scylla und Charybdis der sozialen Frage’: Urbane Sicherheitsentwürfe in Hamburg und London (1880-1900)* by Christine G. Krüger. *The English Historical Review*, forthcoming.

2023 Roundtable review of *Blood and Diamonds: Germany’s Imperial Ambitions in Africa* by Steven Press. *H-Diplo*, December 2023.

## TEACHING & ADVISING

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### Princeton University

2023 Capitalism: Origins, Alternatives, Futures  
Assistant in Instruction & Guest Lecturer for Prof. Jeremy Adelman.

2021 Holocaust of Things Research Project  
Project coordinated with Prof. Yair Mintzker. Advised advanced Princeton undergraduates on research projects in the material and economic history of the Holocaust. Curated research materials; provided historiographical introduction; held one-on-one and group tutorials. Student projects became junior and senior theses.

Europe and the World: From 1776 to the Present Day  
Assistant in Instruction & Guest Lecturer for Prof. Harold James.

### Princeton Global History Lab: Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, Russia

2021 Global History Dialogues  
Teaching Fellow for Prof. Jeremy Adelman. Course in global and oral history methods for advanced history undergraduates at the Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg. Also advised summer research projects.

2020 A History of the World since 1300  
Teaching Fellow for Prof. Jeremy Adelman.

## ORGANIZED CONFERENCES AND PANELS

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2023 **German Global Visions After 1918**  
Panel Co-Organized with Erin Hochman and Willeke Sandler, German Studies Association Conference (*October 8, 2023*).

### The Federal Republic: Politics, Society & Culture

Two-day conference with eight participants, co-organized with Yair Mintzker and Harold James, Princeton University (*March 31-April 1, 2023*).

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**INVITED TALKS, CONFERENCE & PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2024 “Private Internationalism in the Interwar Period: The International Acceptance Bank.” International Security Studies Colloquium, Yale University Jackson School of Global Affairs (*Upcoming: December 3, 2024*).
- “Between Welthandelsplatz and Weltpolitik: Hamburg in the First Era of Globalization.” Forschungskolloquium zur Geschichte des 19. und 20. Jahrhunderts, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (*June 26, 2024*). Bilingual: English & German.
- Commentator: Winton Scott, “Prolegomena to a Critical Philosophy of Ritual—Genealogy of ‘Ritual’ in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Sociological Discourse,” Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (*April 17, 2024*).
- “Shaping an Interconnected World: Hamburg, Germany and the Transformation of Interdependence,” Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (*April 3, 2024*).
- Commentator: Suzie Hermán, “Art on Juridical Terms: The Hanse as Represented in the Civitates Orbis Terrarum,” Princeton University Early Modern History Workshop (*March 7, 2024*).
- 2023 “Germany’s Century: Toward a History of Learning from the German Past,” Princeton University Global History Workshop (*November 30, 2023*).
- “German Globalization between Empires: Hamburg, 1918-1941,” German Studies Association Conference (*October 8, 2023*).
- “Autarky? Hamburg’s Economic Elite from Lausanne to London, 1932-33,” German Historical Institute Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar (*July 1, 2023*). Bilingual: English & German.
- “The Hamburger Zollanschluss, 1880-1888: A Match Made in the Elbe,” Princeton European History Research Seminar (*April 13, 2023*).
- Moderator: “Internationalisms,” The Federal Republic: Politics, Society & Culture, Princeton University (*April 1, 2023*).
- “Postwar Hamburg and the German Past,” The Federal Republic: Politics, Society & Culture, Princeton University (*March 31, 2023*).
- “Postwar Economic “Miracles”: Europe, Brazil, Japan,” guest lecture for HIS 262: Capitalism: Origins, Alternatives, Futures, Princeton University (*March 30, 2023*).
- 2022 “Hamburg Businesses, German Politics, and the Transformation of International Order before and after 1945,” Princeton Investment Company (*December 9, 2022*).
- “Hanseatic Policy or World Policy? Germany’s Imperial Revolution, 1907-1914,” Imperial Afterlives Research Network, Cambridge University (*August 19, 2022*).

- “Globalization and Germany’s Imperial Afterlives: Hamburg Free Traders and German Politics, 1888-1948,” Oberseminar Globalgeschichte, Universität Hamburg (*June 8, 2022*). Bilingual: German & English.
- “Continuity and Rupture in the History of German Imperialism: A View from Hamburg, 1896-1941,” Princeton European History Research Seminar (*March 22, 2022*).
- 2021 “Can we have the state and eat it too? Transnational Germans, global history, and the persistent problem of state power,” Transnational Germans Seminar, German Studies Association Conference (*October 2021*).
- “Germany and the Origins of the First World War,” guest lecture for HIS 212: Europe and the World: From 1776 to the Present Day, Princeton University (*February 2021*).
- Commentator: Will Freeman, “Corruption and Anti-Corruption in Colombia, 2007-2019: Prosecuting Pluralism?” Princeton University Latin America and Caribbean Workshop (*February 5, 2021*). Bilingual: English & Spanish.
- 2020 “Hamburg, Germany, and the Global Economy,” Emerging Scholars Workshop, German Studies Association annual conference (*October 2020*).
- Commentator: Miloš Vojinović, “The Strange Birth of Economic History – The Empire and the Struggle for Economics,” Princeton University Economic History Workshop (*January 22, 2020*).
- 2019 “An Empire of Merchants? German Weltpolitik in Latin America, 1888-1918,” Princeton University Latin America and Caribbean Workshop (*December 2019*).
- 2017 “Informeller Imperialismus und deutsche Weltpolitik,” Wesleyan University Department of German Studies (*November 2017*). In German.
- “The Hamburg-Amerika Linie and German Weltpolitik,” Wesleyan University Department of History (*October 2017*).

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

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- 2024 Yale University, Henry Chauncey ‘57 Postdoctoral Fellowship.  
Princeton University, Dean’s Completion Fellowship (*declined*).
- 2023 Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Dissertation Writing Fellowship.  
German Historical Institute, Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar.
- 2021 Princeton University, Dissertation Research Grant.
- 2019 Princeton University, Pre-Dissertation Research Grant.
- 2018 Wesleyan University, University Honors.  
\*Highest academic award granted by the university, awarded to 1-5 students per year; only student nominated by more than one department (History & German Studies).  
Wesleyan University, High Honors in the College of Letters, History, and German Studies.  
\*Only student to receive High Honors in three departments.

Wesleyan University, Phi Beta Kappa, 2018.

Wesleyan University Department of History, Robbins Memorial Prize.

\*For the best thesis in European History.

Wesleyan University Department of German Studies, Blankenagel Prize.

\*For excellence in German Studies.

2017 Wesleyan University Department of German Studies, Reihlen Fund Grant.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Princeton University Department of History

2023-24 President, Graduate History Association  
Professional Development Chair, Graduate History Association

2022-23 President, Graduate History Association  
Graduate Student Member, Graduate Policy Committee  
Professional Development Chair, Graduate History Association

2021-22 Cohort Representative, Graduate History Association

2020-21 Coordinator, Modern Europe Workshop

2019-20 President, Graduate History Association  
Graduate Student Member, Departmental Covid-19 Relief Committee  
Graduate Student Member, Graduate Policy Committee  
Coordinator, Modern Europe Workshop

2018-19 Graduate Student Government Representative

### Wesleyan University College of Letters

2015-18 Major Committee Representative

## RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

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2023-24 Higher Education Consultant, Open Society University Network.  
\*Consulted with Jeremy Adelman (Princeton University/University of Cambridge) to research, develop, and present a proposal to reorganize Central European University (Vienna, Austria).

2018 Research Assistant to Prof. Jeremy Adelman, Princeton University

2017-18 Research Assistant to Prof. Erik Grimmer-Solem, Wesleyan University.

2017 Research Programs Intern, National Endowment for the Humanities.

## AFFILIATIONS

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German Studies Association, 2019—  
American Historical Association, 2019—

## LANGUAGES

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English (native); German, Spanish (fluent); Portuguese (reading).